

Though the ethnic cleansing programs occurred over 20 years ago, they were atrocious acts of cruelty. We cannot forget them.

I worry the sentiments that sparked this violence still remain in the Nagorno-Karabakh. Just last month, Azerbaijan began buying up weapons to regain control of the region. The President of Azerbaijan declared this is, "not a frozen conflict, and it's not going to be one."

America must remain committed to a peaceful and democratic resolution to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, not one that relives the past.

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AUTO MANUFACTURING RETURNS TO INDIANA'S EIGHTH DISTRICT

(Mr. BUCSHON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BUCSHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate some great news for manufacturing in Indiana's Eighth Congressional District, my home. On January 17, the 3 millionth vehicle rolled off the line at the Toyota Motor Manufacturing plant in Princeton, Indiana. Approximately 80 percent of the parts for these vehicles were made here in America within a 300-mile radius of the plant. These vehicles are then shipped and sold both across this country and around the world thanks to the free trade agreements that Congress passed this year.

This plant began operations in 1996 and employs 4,149 people. I had the pleasure of meeting many of the Princeton team members last February, and I want to commend each of these employees for their hard work and dedication. I congratulate them on a job well done. I have no doubts that it won't be long until we celebrate another millionth vehicle made right here in the U.S.A. in my district in Indiana.

STOP PUTTING POLITICS OVER PEOPLE

(Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, for those who believe in the Mayan end of days and the prophecy of the end of the world in 2012, the fact that our Republican friends have finally met a tax cut they don't like surely must be a sign of the apocalypse. Republicans fought tooth and nail opposing the middle class tax cut, only relenting at the 11th hour to a 2-month extension. But in the more than 40 days since then, they've ignored almost every attempt to enact a full-year extension. Why?

Perhaps because it's primarily a middle class tax cut, saving 160 million Americans almost an average of \$1,000

a year. Perhaps it's because President Obama proposed it, and in an election year, they'd rather defeat the President than, in fact, support initiatives designed to help the American people. Whatever the reason, Republican opposition, once again, threatens to raise taxes on millions of Americans, deny unemployment insurance to 2.3 million Americans, and risk Medicare access for 48 million Americans.

It's long past time the Republicans stopped putting politics over people and instead extend those tax cuts for 160 million fellow citizens without making Americans wait until judgment day.

FEDERAL PAY FREEZE

(Mr. CHAFFETZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Madam Speaker, the numbers are in. Once again, the Federal Government is going to achieve an annual deficit of more than \$1 trillion.

Now, how much is \$1 trillion? Because we throw around that number far too often. If you spend \$1 million a day every day, it would take you almost 3,000 years to get to \$1 trillion, and our Federal Government is approaching \$16 trillion in debt. We're spending more than \$733 million a day as just interest on the debt.

We have to change the trajectory. We can no longer borrow and spend the kind of money that we are. Please, ladies and gentlemen, we have to have systemic changes; and one of those things that we're going to talk about today is putting a freeze on pay.

We have to understand that there are a lot of good Federal employees out there doing great, great work, but your Federal Government has more than 450,000 people earning a base pay of at least \$100,000. These are going to have to change.

THE STOCK ACT

(Mrs. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge the Republican leadership of the House to bring the STOCK Act to the floor. This commonsense legislation would ensure that Members of Congress and their staffs are not able to profit from nonpublic information obtained through their official duties. President Obama has called on Congress to pass this bill, and it has even advanced in the Senate this week with 93 "yes" votes. Meanwhile, the House has not acted on the bill, and a markup on it in December was quashed by the Republican leadership.

Madam Speaker, Members of Congress need to play by the same rules as everyone else, and our constituents need to have confidence that is the case. Right now, they don't have a lot

of confidence in Congress on anything. Congressional approval ratings are at record lows, and reports that Members could possibly profit from nonpublic information is no doubt one more reason for that. Now we can take a step to address this gap by enacting the STOCK Act.

Madam Speaker, this is the people's House, and the American people deserve to know that the men and women they send here are working for them.

VALENTINES FOR VETERANS

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Every February, Americans across the country open their hearts to the country's hospitalized veterans by sending valentine cards to VA medical centers in conjunction with the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week.

For several years, students in our Third District of Texas have participated in the annual Valentines for Veterans program as a creative way to thank our brave men and women in uniform for something we love so much—our freedom. Last year, 19 area schools in our district participated, and this year, I encourage all our schools, families, and businesses to take part in making this day special for our Nation's veterans.

Every year, I look forward to delivering these cards to the veterans at the Dallas VA Medical Center, showing them a Texas-size thank you from our schoolkids. You should see the look in their eyes when they read, our veterans, words of appreciation. After all, they are the true reason we remain the land of the free and the home of the brave.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEWPORT ART MUSEUM

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Newport Art Museum and Art Association.

Founded in 1912 for the purpose of promoting and exhibiting fine arts and fostering art education within the community, the Newport Art Museum continues to enhance community life as a shared place for the arts and culture.

One hundred years after its founding, the Newport Art Museum is, without question, one of our great museums. The museum has received full accreditation from the American Association of Museums, the highest national recognition of a museum's commitment to accountability, public service, professional museum standards, and excellence in education and stewardship.

This valuable community resource inspires passion for the arts in diverse